

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 951

By Herron

A RESOLUTION to recognize Laina Barker, 2000 Valedictorian of
Obion County Central High School.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this General Assembly should pause to pay tribute to those persons who through their natural talents and unflagging commitment to academic excellence have distinguished themselves in the classroom; and

WHEREAS, Laina Barker is one such exceptional student who was recently named Valedictorian of the 2000 graduating class at Obion County Central High School; and

WHEREAS, through diligent study, steady composure during examinations, and unyielding commitment of time and talent, Laina Barker has achieved outstanding academic success, and has joined the ranks of the best and brightest students in Tennessee and our country; and

WHEREAS, in her remarkable high school career, Laina has earned an exemplary grade point average, in addition to receiving such prestigious academic honors as the Leaders-In-Residence Scholarship, the Boyce Gooch Scholarship, the University of Tennessee National Alumni Association Valedictorian Scholarship, and the Union City Scholarship; and

WHEREAS, she has generously contributed her time and leadership to many school endeavors, serving admirably as president of the Beta Club, as vice-president of the National Honor Society, and as president of both her freshman and junior classes; and

WHEREAS, Laina is also a talented athlete, participating on both the Lady Rebel varsity basketball and softball teams; and

WHEREAS, a devout Christian, she is an active member of the Jones Chapel Church of Christ; and

WHEREAS, Laina's display of intellectual aptitude and ambition surely bodes well for her future success, as she plans to attend the University of Tennessee at Martin; and

WHEREAS, Laina's noteworthy achievement is a tremendous source of pride for her parents, Sherrill and Sue Barker, her school, and her community; and

WHEREAS, Laina Barker's dedication to excellence is clearly deserving of the respect, admiration, and commendation of this legislative body; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED FIRST GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, That we honor and congratulate Laina Barker on her selection as the Valedictorian of the 2000 graduating class at Obion County Central High School and extend our best wishes for a bright future.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That a copy of this duly inscribed resolution, with this final resolving clause deleted, be presented to Laina Barker.